

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Hydaburg****Project Title:**

Hydaburg - School District Purchase and Construction of Staff Homes

State Funding Requested: \$ 350,000**House District: 5 - C**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Teacher housing in Hydaburg is old and unlivable. The funding requested would allow for new housing facilities to be purchased for the teachers at Hydaburg.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$350,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

For the last three years Hydaburg City Schools have met all of the standards of No Child Left Behind. This is, in large part, due to the teaching staff and their dedication to the students. However, the housing that the teaching staff is provided by the school district is nearly unlivable. The housing provided is double-wide trailers and when the trailers were moved in, it was thought that they would only be good for 10-15 years. It has now been more than 20 years and the trailers have reached the end of their useful lives. There is mold damage in the trailers leaving them unsafe for habitation. The lack of housing makes it difficult for teachers to work at the school since they then have to find living quarters in other communities which are more than 40 miles away. This situation makes it difficult to attract and regain good teaching staff which severely impacts the school children.

The new housing units will provide a clean and safe environment for the teachers to live in.

Project Timeline:

Funding will be secured in the summer of 2008 with purchases beginning immediately before the school year starts.

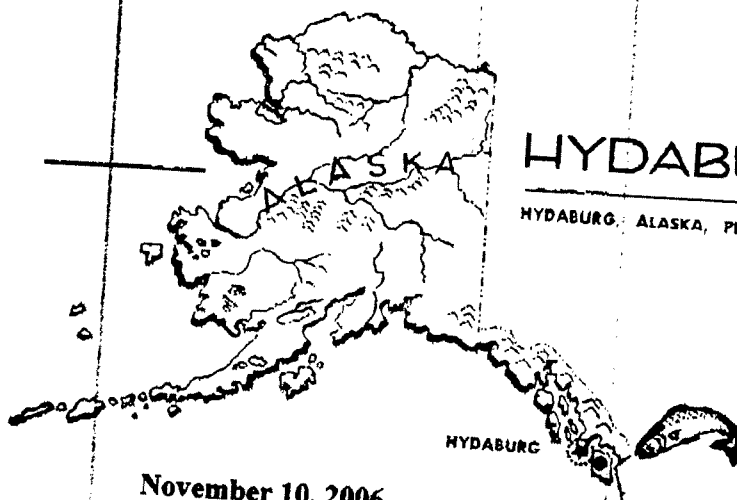
Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Hydaburg City Schools

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



HYDABURG CITY SCHOOL

HYDABURG, ALASKA, PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND 99922

November 10, 2006

Honorable Governor Murkowski,

We at Hyدابург are very proud of our students' successes. The last three years we have made all the standards of No Child Left Behind concerning AYP. This is in large part due to our teaching staff and their dedication to our students. We have had no turnover of staff during the last two years, something that is very rare in rural Alaska. As a district we are going to do our best to retain our staff provide livable housing for them.

We are faced with a dilemma that should have been resolved a number of years ago. In 1982 there were double-wide trailers brought into town to serve as housing for staff. At that time it was estimated they would be livable for 10 to 15 years. We have staff that is still residing in this housing that should be condemned if not for dedicated teachers that have continued to maintain the homes partially at their own expense. The district owns ten units, down to nine due to one having to be torn down because of mold and poor construction, which are rented and used by district personnel. Of those there are two left that should that should have been replaced some time ago. The district would like to request \$350,000.00 for the buying and construction of three new homes for this purpose.

400,000 = 3 houses
The construction of the new homes would also help a depressed economy by employing seasonal workers and offering training for different careers in construction. We would also have several high school classes helping with various construction phases to help peak interests in the various careers as well. We would like to start construction on the houses next summer.

We will send bids that have been acquired when they are needed. Thank you in advance for taking time out of you busy schedule for our consideration.

Sincerely,
Don Johnson
Don Johnson
Superintendent of Schools
Hyدابург, AK

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Cc: Mr. Bill Thomas, Representative